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RED CROSS DRIVE FOR FUNDS MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

A small Canadian corvette on Atlantic convoy duty at the University recently picked up the survivors of a torpedoed merchant ship. Under cover of other protecting warships, they were rescued from the icy water. Many were suffering from burns, wounds and exposure. For days the tiny ship battled her way towards a Newfoundland port. Conditions on board became almost unbearable. Many of the suffering survivors could not speak English. The ship was too small to carry a doctor. Since there were less than 70 men in the ship's crew, there were nearly three times as many mouths to feed and food was tightly rationed.

At night the decks of every vessel were covered with sleeping bodies, packed so closely it was impossible to walk among them. At meal-times the line from the galley more than circled the ship. There were few eating utensils and men ate mostly by hand, when port was reached, there was only half a bag of compressed remaining aboard. The crew hauled their blankets and had given away every sweater and piece of clothing they could spare. There was little drinking water, and medical supplies were non-existent.

Shore authorities were informed by radio of the ship's plight and her expected time arrival. As meal-times were begun to receive the banded rescuer. Ambulances were kept ready; a special jetty was reserved; medical supplies and food were placed at the pier and an entire hospital ward made available.

Band in hand with the naval authorities. Bundles of clothing and sweaters were prepared. Medical supplies were offered. And when the ship tied up, a mobile canteen with hot coffee, sandwiches and cigarettes was at the jetty.

When submarine warfare is at its height, this demand is made on the Red Cross continually. Often it means completely re-equipping the ships with comforts for the men, medical supplies and clothing. The gratitude of the sailors is as boundless as the seas they sail and the people of Canada know that their men are fighting on the water under the best possible conditions. The Canadian Red Cross has distributed millions of comforts to the sailors since the start of the war, both to the merchant navy and to the men at warships.



DR. E. W. HEATY
Director
Liaison Bureau Farm Service
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dormancy in Seeds
Seeds of some crops will germinate within a few days after harvest. Others remain dormant for some weeks or even months. Seeds of many common weeds may remain dormant in the soil for years, despite the fact that conditions of moisture, temperature and aeration may be suitable for germination. Farmers often have reason to believe that wheat and barley seeds would remain dormant much longer than they do, because losses from sprouting in the stock and swine are considerable. Longer periods of wet weather are usually required to induce oats to germinate in the stock.

The results of a germination test should indicate the percentage of live seeds capable of producing vigorous seedlings. If some seeds remain dormant the germinating ability of the sample will be unduly depressed. For this reason, all properly equipped laboratories subject seed samples to a pre-germination treatment which usually breaks the dormancy.

This year, due to peculiar weather conditions, a good many samples, particularly of oats, have remained dormant longer than usual and pre-chilling has not always completely overcome the dormancy. After the usual germination test, dead seeds can usually be distinguished from dormant ones. After finding a good many dormant seeds, we reported a number of samples and prolonged the pre-chilling period. The germination test, indeed, sometimes by a wide margin. Our patrons have, of course, all been informed.

Farmers who made home germination tests earlier in the season and obtained poor results should repeat.

CPL. C. T. WOODS REPORTED KILLED WHILE IN ACTION

Cpl. Clarence T. Woods, age 35, was killed on February 27 while serving with the Calgary Highlanders overseas.

Born in Granville, N. D. on November 20, 1911 he came to Alberta with his parents in 1916 and settled in Gleichen in 1920 where he attended the local schools. He enlisted with the Calgary Highlanders on November 25, 1942.

Arriving overseas and after intensive training was in the invasion of Normandy. There he was reported missing but later joined his unit. Later he was wounded on two different occasions. He saw action in most of the battles the Canadians fought in France and Germany.

In 1939 he was married to Miss Olga Evelyn Anderson. Besides his widow he is survived by four children: Kenneth, 5 years; Louise, 4; Leone, 3 and Clara, 2. The latter he never saw. They are living at Dunsin, Alta.

Other survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Woods; two sisters, Francis and Rose; five brothers, Sigs, Lawrence and Kenneth of the Canadian Army; Sgt. Dennis of the R.C.A.F.; Leo and Frank.

SCHOOL NOTES

BY PAULINE SUTHERMEISTER

Throughout the winter students and teachers both have enjoyed curling every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Senior Curling Club for permission to use the curling rink for a dollar from each student.

The rinks were skipped by students but the teachers also played. The Gleichen High took two rinks to Cluny during the season to curl against two G.H.S. teams. Frank McKay (skip), Pauline Suthersmeister, "Snooker" Matheson, Peggy Bogie, won over R. Waite (skip), Leona McCall, James Parlier, Esther Brown 11-5. Bobby Service (skip) Louise McKay, Audrey McQueen, Ted Service won the game against Bert Hingley, Margaret Pomeroy, unknown and John Hergard, 7-6.

The Gleichen Junior Bongsale first prize of \$2 each were won by Frank McKay and Peggy Bogie. Second prizes were won by Bob Service and Mr. Wright.

Yes, friends, we've had a lot of fun and hope that we may again, next winter.

BRODBALL

Well, with curling over now the High students are searching elsewhere for an outlet for their abundant energy. We have decided to broom ball. We have a delightful collection of antique brooms and a ball. We have had a few good games but future games have been postponed until a chinook has dried up this lovely mud.

PLAN PARTY

Our new entertainment committee rose amid the cheering G.H.S. throng to announce a St. Patrick's Day party. Oh, happy day!

HOW WILL THEY SETTLE DOWN?

Canadian servicemen are now coming back from the front as heroes, ready to be home again. But how will they settle down? Will it be hard for them to take up the threads of normal living as citizens, husbands and fathers?

Most people agree that settling down will not be easy. Appreciation of the strain on personal and social relations which overseas service entails is much greater among the better educated than among those who have been to public school. Then, too, the men will probably be restless, craving excitement, and above all it will be hard for them to get back to the farm where life will be so quiet after all the travel and excitement overseas. Yet it is hoped that the servicemen may be able to adjust to new and productive activity. The marked contrast between military and civil life will entail some difficulties. It will be strange and hard for them to be "out there" again. Some will be suffering from disabilities either physical or mental. Job will be scarce and the men will not be trained for the ones there are.

All this suggests very forcibly that over and beyond provisions for medical care, recreation, vocational training, etc., there will be need for

sympathetic and imaginative community action, designed after the first flush of welcome to make sure that they belong to a country that had been worth defending and in whose life they share.

ANNUAL MEETING GIRL GUIDES

The annual meeting of the Girl Guide Association was held last Friday evening. The following officers were elected:

Pres. Mrs. J. W. Webb, Vice-Pres. Mrs. C. Kilcup, Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Elmer Bollinger, Mrs. Bording and Mrs. Hatten were unanimously chosen as leaders of the Browne Pack.

The association and the local commissioners with to express their grateful appreciation of the valuable assistance to Guiding given by Mrs. R. S. McQueen and Mrs. W. Sutherland during their term of office.

BROWNSIES

The First Gleichen Brownsie Pack has been reorganized with Bording as Brown Owl and M. Hatten as Brown Owl. Their first regular meeting will be held in the Legion Hall, Saturday, March 17 at 8 p.m.

PTE. JOE. McMULLEN WOUNDED RECENTLY

Mr. and Mrs. McMullen have received word that their son Joseph has been seriously wounded in the stomach. He is serving with the Canadian Army and has been overseas for several years.

OBITUARY

HARVEY CLAYTON SPEISMAN

H. C. Speisman who has been a resident for the past year at Erentide

TWO LOCAL MEN PROMOTED TO CAPTAINS

It was announced last week that two Gleichen men serving overseas have been promoted. They were Lt. Matthew W. Murray and Lt. Peter W. Leacock having been promoted to the rank of Captain. Both of them are connected with the Royal Canadian Artillery.

All Gleichen folks extend their heartiest congratulations to the boys on their success in the army.

Harvie died Saturday evening from a heart attack. Mr. Speisman was 58 years of age and was born at Hildesheim, Germany. He had been in the business, ill health compelled him to retire from active business some four years ago.

Besides his widow he is survived by four children, George of Vancouver, who with his wife was present at the funeral; Irene and Richard of Calgary and Betty of Gleichen. Funeral services were conducted in the auditorium of Erentide Home, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Major A. F. Parkinson and Major Linton of the Salvation Army. After which the remains were sent to Calgary on the evening train where burial took place at 10.30 Wednesday morning. G. W. Hatten of Gleichen was in charge of funeral arrangements.

If your post-war plans include new uniforms for your flock, it will come from the farmers themselves. For over a period of years one-quarter of Canada's fax crop has been used by the livestock industry. Like so many other Canadian producing livestock has been in these last few years. Battlement livestock has been used extensively in battlement, as well as in military buildings of all

GIVE TIL IT HURTS

"OVER HERE" TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE HURT "OVER THERE"

SUPPORT THE RED CROSS

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The olefils division of the flame, gas, and Acid wash. New processes have been developed during the cotton duck used in tarpaulin material for army vehicles, cargo covers and other war transport. All the time comes to start measuring materials of this kind, as well as camouflaged cloth and netting, tents, thread, etc., have been tested for resistance to water, mildew,

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The Continuing Job of the CANADIAN RED CROSS

THE EUROPEAN WAR is nearing its end. That is obvious. Many people, including members of the Canadian Red Cross, have asked us what our job will be if the war should suddenly end.

We reply that we can only see ahead greater responsibilities than ever. Both in Europe and at home the work of the Red Cross must go on. The war will not bring an end to suffering and want, to the care of our Prisoners of War, to our Wounded, and to the millions whose homes and way of life have been dislocated by strife.

We therefore feel that every Canadian has a right to some knowledge of what our responsibilities will be in the event of peace, and just how we propose to discharge those responsibilities. We trust each of our main activities under its respective heading.

PRISONERS OF WAR—With the end of hostilities our Prisoners of War will automatically cease to be Prisoners. Chances and breakdowns in Germany will probably cause. The German state will cease to care for them. They will become wards of the Allied General in command of the Occupation Forces. Transportation will be difficult, and it will probably take a minimum of six months to repatriate the 2,400,000 Canadian, British and Allied Prisoners in German Camps. The need of Prisoners' Parcels and Medical Supplies will be doubled. They will be distributed by the Allied Command, and will play a vital part in feeding our men pending repatriation. After the magnificent job we have done during the last five years we cannot let the care of our Prisoners of War slip. Our Prisoners in the Far East must also be a continuing responsibility. We must carry on until every man has been back home.

BLOOD SERUM SERVICE—Red Cross Blood Serum has saved countless lives in battle. The end of the war will see the end of painful war wounds. The demand for serum on the fighting fronts, except the Far East, will cease. But the Red Cross Blood Serum Service should be continued for civilian use. If the Red Cross makes it freely available it can save thousands of the lives of our own civilian citizens when they have ended.

OUTPOST HOSPITALS, CHILDREN'S CLINICS AND INFIRMARY NURSING SERVICE—This is part of the Red Cross service to civilians in Canada. It is carried out in the sparsely settled parts of the Dominion, and it must go on.

FIRST AID AND HOME NURSING SERVICE—One of the finest peacetime activities of the Canadian Red Cross. It is truly a worthwhile work and must go on.

TEACHING CANADIANS HOW TO BE BETTER HOUSED—There is important work yet to be done in the matter of Nutrition. Thousands of Canadians are not eating the proper food. Their health could be improved immeasurably. The Canadian Red Cross has undertaken to educate where education is necessary. This work must go on.

PREPARATION TO MEET INDIAN OR DISASTER—In case of these evils the Red Cross is always first on the job. For this reason alone the Red Cross must go on.

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Thomas L. Hughes
Chairman
National Executive Committee
CANADIAN RED CROSS

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—A BARGAIN IN TAXES

—By—

GEORGE H. WINDERS

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"I'm expecting a report from Harris the morning, Ethel," Mrs. Irvin told her secretary.

"Everybody says he's a wizard at whitening down evaluations," approved the secretary. "He'll fix you a bargain in taxes, but he'll charge you a fat fee."

Mrs. Irvin's round face set in stubborn lines. "I don't care," she declared. "I'll be worth it. He's a shyster but I haven't the slightest compunction about hiring him."

"Refuse to be done, and the Government's trying to do me right now!" Her well-managed brow wrinkled at the piles of unprinted sheets stacked on the terrace outside.

"The Norwegian quondam the agency is hiring had better be all they say he is," she went on. "I specified that he must be over draft age so I'll take what they send, I suppose. Can you believe it, Ethel? This plan is appraised at \$75,000! I couldn't get half that if—"

"Unless you divided it into lots," murmured the secretary. "Then you'd get a good deal more."

Mrs. Irvin flushed. "I certainly am not going to cut my garden into building lots," she snapped. "I am taxed at a ridiculously high rate on an outrageous appraisal."

"Of course," agreed the secretary hastily. "I just meant—"

"And I must protect myself against legalized robbery," Mrs. Irvin interrupted.

"You mean—dear me! How dreadful! You hear of such things but you don't realize they're true!" she was nervously fiddling Harris's estimate.

"Of course we in America have our burdens. Taxes are heavy, but—"

"They should be paid gladly!" With shaking fingers she tore Harris's report. It fluttered from her hands like confetti.

"Right, Mr. Ericson," she agreed in a choked voice. "Any taxes in America are a bargain!"

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THE LUXE AIR TRAVEL

The London Daily Mail says a new "flying hotel" will carry high British and American war-effort emissaries on future urgent Atlantic crossings.

Provided for Britain under no lease, this "diplomat special" is a luxury air liner with oak paneled walls and beige leather ceilings.

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Irvin broke off, looking up, astonished at a tall man in the doorway. "I was sent by the employment agency," he said in English. Mrs. Irvin nodded demurely to her secretary. Called after her, "Bring me that report as soon as it comes," and turned her attention to the garden.

In spite of a new, badly fitting suit there was something magnificent about the man. Mrs. Irvin was reminded of strong, bold Vikings riding their ships in Norse seas. His steady blue eyes had an air of command. He strode forward and handed her a card from the agency. His name, appropriately, was Ericson. He was slight, it was bright, it was steady, she studied the card. He was fifty-six.

"Four references?" suggested Mrs. Irvin. He pulled a portfolio from under his arm. "These will show you what I have done."

Mrs. Irvin gave a cry of delight. Colored photographs of the most gorgeous garden she had ever seen. Parnassian hedgecote cut in quaint patterns enclosed a stone fountain. Beyond, evergreens—mistletoe in their grouping—framed patches of red blossoming shrubs and masses of deep blue and purple flowers.

Our Norwegian wild panicles and forget-me-nots," he explained.

"Lovely!" cried Mrs. Irvin. "I shall want you to do a wild flower garden for me. Did you do all this?"

"The garden is very old, but for the past thirty years I have had charge of it."

Mrs. Irvin was looking at a view of the house—an enormous stone structure of the medieval castle. She paid her old gardener \$85. This man would expect a good deal more, she was sure.

Her secretary came in. "Mr. Harris's report," Mrs. Irvin.

Mrs. Irvin glanced at the estimate and beamed. With taxes paid like this she could afford a first-class gardener, "Ericson," she smiled. "I want you to take charge here and develop some unusual planting arrangements. Now about your salary. Would a hundred a month—"

"He's really a landscape artist," Entranced, she studied the pictures. "Where is this place?"

"The estate is on the edge of Narvik, about the city," he told her. "I left there a year ago."

"Narvik?" Then you saw the German invasion?" She looked at him curiously. "Were you in the battle?"

"There was no battle. For six weeks the German came here. I knew what was going to happen, but everybody was afraid. Citizens would swear were loyal, but secretly Nazi agents. I spoke out."

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Hudson Bay Route

The War Has Attracted Attention To The Northern Port

A revival of interest in the development of the Hudson Bay sea route to Europe comes with the prospect of the end of the war with Germany. The war has established Hudson Bay as a stage on the air route to Europe, but there are possibilities also in the northern seaway.

Cargoes of Canadian wheat may find their way for the rehabilitation of war torn countries by this short sea voyage, and wheat will perhaps continue to go to Great Britain in the years to come, if nothing is done deliberately to stop this not unattractive route from being developed.

But it is clear that there are other possibilities before the Hudson Bay port. And Newfoundland for one is interested in them.

Newfoundland is, of course, a great exporter of fish, but it must import many other essential foods. Wheat and flour—the prairie primary products—are a natural quid pro quo for fish, cured or salted fish. In addition, Newfoundland might be glad to take such dairy products as milk and eggs which are looming larger in the prairie farming scheme.

While perhaps many Newfoundlanders have not been brought to Canada by the war, many prairie lads have found themselves in Newfoundland. They will have been alive to such possible developments as might have been discussed in such places as St. John's and Corner Brook where ships could set out for Port Churchill.

At least there should be no such hindrance to the Hudson Bay seaway as went on in years before the war. It would also be the part of wisdom to keep in good use and repair all avenues of communication in the days to come.

Their value and can serve the wider common good—Ottawa, Citizen.

Has Best Plan

Canada Sets Standard For Rehabilitation Of Old Veterans

The Canadian government has developed a program of rehabilitation for war veterans more far-reaching than any other of the United Nations.

John Mackenzie, minister of veterans' affairs, said in an address over a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network.

He said Canada's program set a new standard in care of wounded veterans and in compensation.

He also made good, so far as possible, the handicap of the loss of time of those previous years when a man would be normally training for his life's work.

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HERE'S MY FEED PROBLEM

What is the most important thing to look for when feeding young chicks?

HERE'S THE ANSWER

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ONION STOCKS

Supplies On Hand About Double Normal Quantity

The importation of onions will be placed under specific import permit handled by the Wartime Food Corporation, the Prices and Trade Board Ottawa.

The order, effective January 31, was because the 1944 Canadian onion crop was both unusually large and of excellent quality, the Board's announcement said. Stocks of onions still in storage in Canada are about double the normal quantity for this season.

The board made clear that it was not intended to grant permits for the importation of new onions as long as there are reasonable supplies of good quality Canadian onions available.

The board also said that the best possible use is made of available food supplies and that as little as possible of the 1944 crop goes to waste.

W. W. ENGLISH

who has been appointed vice-president in charge of operation, Trans-Canada Air Lines, succeeding G. T. Larsson, who is resigning the United Air Lines in Chicago after serving P.C.A. since 1937.

After a lengthy service with the Canadian National Railways, Mr. English joined Trans-Canada Air Lines at the time of its inauguration in 1937 and was assistant vice-president of the air line at the time of his present appointment.

Photograph, Trans-Canada Air Lines.

Different Rule

Residents Of Newfoundland Town Not Satisfied With Present Status

Of the 7,000 people of Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, a pamphlet town, 49 per cent want immediate return to responsible government, a week-end poll conducted by the weekly newspaper Western Star revealed.

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